

Howland Wood - Curatorial

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The Numismatic and Antiquarian Society
of Philadelphia

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
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PHILADELPHIA, March 7, 1922 192

American Numismatic Society
156 Street & Broadway,
New York.

Dear Sirs:-

I have in my collection a 2/3
Thaler of Joseph Bishop of Eichstedt 1790-
1803, the date of which is in Chronogram.

I have arranged the 23 letters
composing the date, they are in capitals, in
the legend, in the manner given on the enclosed
slip. Am I right?

It was either Mr. Wood or Mr. Noe
I have forgotten which one, who arranged a
Chronogram for me at the time of my visit to
New York in January 1921. As I am a member of
the Society I do not hesitate to ask if I am
correct in getting the date. Could you give
the translation of the legend?. I would be
thankful for the favor of a reply.

Yours very truly,

F. D. Langenheim

F. D. LANGENHEIM,
240 South 3rd St.,
PHILADELPHIA.

March 8th, 1922

Mr. F. D. Langenheim,
240 South 3rd Street
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Langenheim:

Your coin was struck during a period when the Rhine Provinces were being invaded by the French Republican Armies, and nearly all of the bishoprics and Rhine cities struck special coins from melted down Church plate. The Latin inscription refers to this. It might be translated "The help furnished from the princely silver vessels for the country in need".

The chronogram is all right - 1796.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW/E



The Numismatic and Antiquarian Society
of Philadelphia Jan'y 3, 1923.

M. Howland Wood,
New York.

Dear Sir:— I have had submitted
to me, two (2) silver pieces, once used as buttons,
and in poor condition, size 24 mm, about like our
quarter dollar but thinner, of which the following
is a description

O. St George and the Dragon.

L. St Georgius equitum patronus.

R. Ship in storm.

L. In tempestate securitas.

Can you give me any information about these
pieces, or better in what book may I find
their history, or history of the piece.

I have a large one near dollar size, brass, in my
collection for many years.

Would like to know something about them and would
thank you for the same

With the compliments of the Season

I am Yours truly

F. D. Langenheim.

January 5th, 1923

Mr. F. D. Langenheim
240 South 3rd Street
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Langenheim:

The two pieces about which you write are simply talisman or amulets. They come in all sizes from a dime to a dollar, and for the most part are made in base metal. Some were made in brass, but more often silver-plated. Occasionally, one sees one in gold or silver. Presumably, they were made by various die-sinkers in Europe - I think chiefly in Germany. I should also judge that they had been made from a hundred or so years ago up to very modern times. They have been considered a lucky piece for soldiers or sailors. Except for the gold and silver, none of these have any real value.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW/E

January 18, 1927

Mr. F. D. Langenheim,
240 South 3rd St.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:

In looking over the American state papers in reference to the Treaty of Greenville, 1795, I find the following on page 579 of the first volume relating to Indian affairs. "The General (Anthony Wayne) spoke as follows:-

Younger Brothers: I have received a letter from your ancient friends and brothers, the people called Quakers, with a message to all the nations here assembled. The Quakers are a people whom I much love and esteem, for their goodness of heart, and sincere love of peace with all nations; listen then to their voice, and let it sink deep into your hearts.

(Here the General read the address of the people called Quakers, and the invoice of their present) Their present you perceive is small, but being designed with the benevolent view of promoting the peace and happiness of mankind, it becomes of important value. They wish it to be considered merely as a token of their regard for you, and a testimony of their brotherly affection and kind remembrance of you."

I was wondering whether you knew anything about what these presents consisted of, and I am curious chiefly if it should happen to be a peace medal. The thought has occurred to me that the Treaty of Greenville Medal at the Pennsylvania Historical Society might not be one of the presents given by the Quakers. You see, unfortunately, they do not quote the letter nor enumerate the presents given by the Quakers.

Very truly yours,

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The Numismatic and Antiquarian Society
of Philadelphia

January 27, 1927

Mr. Howland Wood,
New York.

Dear Sir:-

Your favor of January 18th, at hand, contents
of which have attention.

Mr. Spofford, Assistant Librarian of the Historical
Society of Pennsylvania informs the writer that Mr. Harrold E.
Gillingham has gone exhaustively into the Greenville Medal in
the Society's collection, the label now with the medal giving
much information.

Mr. Gillingham spoke of the Medal in a paper read
before the Society on February 15, 1926 "On Some Indian and
Military Medals of Award". This paper was also read before
the Hist. Soc. of Pa. on January 10, 1927 and will be published
in their quarterly this year.

Inquire of Mr. G. when that gentleman is in your
city.

Yours very truly,

F. D. Langerheim

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PHILADELPHIA, March 8, 1927. 192

Mr. Howland Wood

New York

Dear Sir:-

On page of the March
"Numismatist" I see a communication to you
from a correspondent in Trujillo, Peru in
reference to Two (2) Centavo coins of that
republic, cut in two to serve as currency.
Is it possible to get a specimen for the
collection of our Society?. It seems to me
if cut in half both halves should be represented.
May I hear from you.

Yours truly,

F. D. Langenheim
Curator of N.

F. D. LANGENHEIM,
240 South 3rd St.,
PHILADELPHIA.

March 10, 1927

Mr. F. D. Langenheim,
240 South 3rd St.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:

Your letter concerning the centavo pieces
just received. As I happened to write Otto Holstein
I asked him to send up a few more pieces so that
eventually I will be able to send you some.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW:ME

May 6, 1927

Mr. F. D. Langenheim,
240 South 3rd Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:

A short while ago we heard from Trujillo and have gotten a couple of those cut two centavo pieces, which I am enclosing herewith with the compliments of Mr. Otto Hollstein of the above address.

Very sincerely yours,

Curator

HW:ME
Encl.

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PHILADELPHIA, May 10, 1927 192

Mr. Howland Wood, Curator,
The American Numismatic Society
Broadway and 166th Street,
New York.

Dear Sir:-

Your favor of May 6th, with

enclosure of the Peruvian and two centavo
pieces at hand, contents of which have
attention.

Many thanks for the pieces.

At the last meeting of our Society
the writer was requested to ask your Society
if they used any varnish with which to cover
or paint, the silver pieces in their collection
to preserve them from tarnishing, if not is any
other means employed.

Yours truly,

F. D. Langenheim
Secretary of S.

F. D. LANGENHEIM,
240 South 3rd St.,
PHILADELPHIA

May 11, 1927

Mr. F. D. Langenheim,
240 South 3rd St.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:

We do not use any varnish or lacquer to keep our silver coins from tarnishing. We have thought of this proposition but have never gotten around to it. In fact, we have done nothing about this and in consequence, many of our coins have become tarnished. Mr. S. H. Chapman has worked out, as I understand it, a most excellent formula for coating silver coins. If I were you, I would take up the matter with him.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW:MB

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The Numismatic and Antiquarian Society
of Philadelphia

September 23, 1927

Mr. Howland Wood

New York.

Dear Sir:-

By permission of the Directors of the Pennsylvania Museum, Fairmount Park, I am sending you, to-day by Parcel Post three (3) oval bronze plaques of Roman Emperors, part of a bequest to the Museum. They were handed to the undersigned for the purpose of identification, date, maker, object, origin etc.. Have been unable to find anything in any work in our Library which could give a clue to the pieces.

Should you be able to give information about them, or reference to any work or works treating of them it will be gratefully appreciated by the Directors and by,

Yours truly,

F. D. Langenheim
Director of N.

Postage for return enclosed.

27 52 110
27 52 111
27 52 112

Ser Galba Aug
Divi Iuli
Aug Divi Fil

7 & 9 c m.
7 & 9 c m.
8 & 10 c m.

Laureate heads, Unifacial

~~27 52 113~~

~~Laureate heads~~
~~Unifacial~~

~~7 & 9 c m.~~
~~8 & 10 c m.~~

F. D. LANGENHEIM,
240 South 3rd St.,
PHILADELPHIA.

September 27, 1927

Mr. F. D. Langenheim,
240 South 3rd St.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:

The three plaques that you sent on are undoubtedly copies made from a series of Renaissance medallions. I should judge these copies might be 100 or 150 years old. In no way do they look like originals. The larger one is absolutely a copy. There were many such medallions made at the time of the Renaissance, largely to inset in furniture such as chests, cabinets, etc. This is really all I can tell you about them.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW:MB



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June 7, 1928

PHILADELPHIA,192

Mr. Sydney P. Noe, Secretary,

New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:-

A few days ago our Society was presented with a number of bronze medals among which are two cliches of a danish medal, probably the O. and R. description of which is enclosed. Can you or Mr. Wood refer me to any authority giving particulars about the danish cliches? If you are able to do so, will be much appreciated, will hunt for the work in our Library.

Please return enclosure.

Pay no attention to the Swedish medal, have all particulars concerning it.

** Do not translate any of the inscriptions.*

Yours truly,
F. D. Langenheim.
Curator of N.

F. D. LANGENHEIM,
240 South 3rd St.,
PHILADELPHIA

11th June, 1928

Mr. F. D. Langenheim, Curator,
The Numismatic and Antiquarian
Society of Philadelphia

Dear Sir:

The large Danish medal that you write concerning was issued in both gold and silver. At that time it was one of the largest medals ever struck. It was engraved by Christoffer Schneider, and commemorates the triple victory of the Danes over the Swedes in 1677. This is mentioned by Forrer, p. 394, and also by Bolzenthal, p. 398. It is also described in the Beskrivelse over Danske Mynter og Medaillier den Kongelige Samling Copenhagen, No. 162, A and B, p. 512, Plate XIV.

Very truly yours,

Curator

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The Numismatic and Antiquarian Society

of Philadelphia December 22, 1920

Mr. Howland Wood,
American Numismatic Society,
156th & Broadway,
New York.

Dear Sir:-

Beg leave to submit to you description
and rubbing of a copper token about farthing size
(22 m m) which undersigned has not been able to identify.
Will thank you should you be able to place it.

Do not find it in Breton's Canadian Tokens
nor in Chitty's Australian Tokens. Atkins is the only
one noting tokens with a High St. address viz:
f. 364 #235 Freemantle, West Australia
f. 374 #298 Christ church, New Zealand
neither of the pieces described is like the one
in question.

The workmanship and the bouquet look like
Canadian.

With the compliments of the season.

Yours truly,

F. D. Langenheim.
Curator of N.

F. D. LANGENHEIM,
240 South 3rd St.,
PHILADELPHIA



(1) Two branches, one ^{with} rose, other ^{with} thistle.

L. Cheap & a very

Ex. Warehouse 31 High St

R. In field in two lines. Heated, House.

L. Robt Mackenzie.

Ex Silks & Shawls.

Copper, ^{about} 14 furling size. (22 in in.)

26th December, 1928

Mr. F. D. Langenheim, Curator,
240 South 3d Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:

The token of which you send a rubbing is an English one. These English pieces are quite plentiful in the farthing size, as the drapers' shops made extensive use of farthings. You will not find many of them in the Colonies. There are several books on these English tokens, but it is extremely hard to trace them up because they are poorly indexed. One book by Batty is, I think, in six volumes.

Very truly yours,

Curator

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PHILADELPHIA, May 6, 1930 192

Mr. Howland Wood,
New York.

Dear Sir:-

Hope you soon may see your way clear to give the readers of the "Numismatic Notes and Monographs" a continuation of the Commemorative Coins issued by our government. Since you ended with the Grants in No. 16 quite a number of commemoratives, including the Norse octagonal, have been issued. Writer is especially thankful for the statistics accompanying each emission and the acts authorizing them and as he says above would welcome a continuation of the subject.

Yours truly,

F. D. Langenheim
Curator of N.

F. D. LANGENHEIM
1600 ARCH ST.
ROOM 316
PHILADELPHIA

May 8, 1930

Mr. F. D. Langenheim
1600 Arch Street
Philadelphia, Penna.

Dear Sir:

Ever since I got out my first monograph on Commemorative Coins it has been my intention to add a supplement, but new issues have been coming along with such frequency that I have kept putting it off. It looks now as though these special issues were at an end. However, I will wait awhile to see if it is really so, and then I shall probably get out a supplement. I cannot do it now as I am too busy. What with the new building, moving, editing and rewriting a special article, my time is more than taken for some time to come.

Very sincerely yours,

Curator.

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PHILADELPHIA

June 3, 1932

Mr. Sydney P. Noe, Secretary,
American Numismatic Society,
New York.

Dear Sir:-

Would be pleased to have
either you or Mr. Wood give me an
answer to the following:

A fellow collector, not a
dealer, has for sale a medal of Washington,
see Snowden page 31, Plate IV No. 4.
Has also for sale a Pitt Token. If these
are in good condition what would be a fair
price for each? Am not asking for myself,
but will put your answer up to our Committee
on Numismatics as to purchase of the two
for the society. Hope I am not bothering
you.

Yours truly,

F. D. Langenheim

Curator of Numismatics

F. D. LANGENHEIM,
1600 ARCH ST.
ROOM 316
PHILADELPHIA

June 4, 1932.

Mr. F. D. Langenheim
1600 Arch Street
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Langenheim:

Your Pitt token should be worth anywhere from seventy-five cents to \$2.00, according to its condition. It is not a rare coin but nevertheless is a little scarce.

The Washington medal is scarce but not rare. I should think \$2.00 would be a fair price for it.

Very truly yours,

TW:JG

Curator

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PHILADELPHIA

Feb 23. 1933.

Mr Howland Wood

New York

Dear Sir. I dislike to bother
you, but I have the following about
which I would like some information.

BAETICA. Town Obulco. (Spain)

If you will kindly give me the name
of the author and/or Publication in which
I would find what I want, I might
perhaps find the work in our library.

Would appreciate anything you may
have to say about the place and/or
its history.

Yours truly

F. D. Langenheim

Curator of N.

MSA 2152.

F. D. LANGENHEIM.
1600 ARCH ST.
ROOM 316
PHILADELPHIA.

February 25, 1933.

Mr. F. D. Langenheim
1640 Arch St.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Langenheim:

The town of Obulco seems to have issued many coins in the early days, in copper with a crude head on one side and an inscription on the other. The best account of these that I know of appears in Nuevo Metodo de Clasificacion de las Medallas Autonomas de Espana, por d. Antonio Delgado, Volume II, Seville, 1873, with an historical account of the city on page 219.

Very truly yours,

YD:JC

Curator



The Numismatic and Antiquarian Society

of Philadelphia Nov 10. 1933.

Mr. Howland Wood, Curator,
New York.

Dear Sir: - I had a letter from a member of the ANA resident in Ohio who send me a description of a gold medal, which I enclose. He desires to know the history of it. Can you give me any information about it, so I may send it to him?

Our Society was presented with a bronze, silvered, medal of the same design as is 3 ins or more in dia. some years ago. It seems to me it was either issued in 1887 or 1897. The first the 50th jubilee and the second the celebration of the 60th year of the reign of Victoria. Will. thank you for anything you may give me about the medal.

Yours truly

F. D. Langenheim
Curator of N.
ANA 2182.

F. D. LANGENHEIM
1600 ARCH ST.
ROOM 316
PHILADELPHIA

In the group of Boston N. A. Langenheim

GOLD MEDAL. 2-3/8 inches diameter. NO DATE. Plain edges raised border. About $\frac{1}{4}$ inch thick. Quite heavy.

OBVERSE: Center. Victoria's side bust in high relief, higher than border. Around border at top "Victoria Regina et Imperatrix"

REVERSE: Center. Throne with columns on either side. Above throne "In Commemoration" Female figures sitting and prone before throne. On bottom outline of continents with name on each as follows from left to right-
Asia - America - Europe - Australia - Africa.

November 20, 1933.

Mr. F. D. Langenheim
1600 Arch St.
Room 316
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Langenheim:

The gold medal of Victoria you write about was, I think, the official medal issued in 1887 in commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the reign of Victoria. It was designed by Sir Joseph E. Boehm. The gold medal was 2-3/4 inches, the silver and bronze medal was somewhat larger. As for its value today I rather imagine that one could get very little over its gold value as such medals are very little in demand.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator



The Numismatic and Antiquarian Society
of Philadelphia

Feb'y 26. 1934.

Mr. Sydney P. Noe, Esq.
New York

Sir:— Some weeks ago there was held in this city, an exhibition of Frankliniana, being objects, relics and pictures &c among which was a note for Three Pence designed by Franklin for the British government, while he was in London 1764.

It occurs to the writer that it would be interesting to the readers of the Numismatist to have this note illustrated and a short account of it published.

On inquiry at the office of the exhibition, find that the note in question was lent by a New York party.

Does your society own this note, if so would you allow a photograph of it to be made, for a half tone; could you furnish anything concerning it?

If you do not have the note, do you know who owns it? If previously published, when and where was it?

Would appreciate any information you may be able

Yours truly

F. D. Langerheim
Curator of N.

F. D. LANGERHEIM
1600 ARCH ST.
ROOM 316
PHILADELPHIA

February 27, 1934.

Mr. F. D. Langenheim
1600 Arch St.
Room 316
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Langenheim:

If the three penny note is what I think it is I see nothing unusual about it. We have a specimen here printed in Philadelphia in 1764. It is simply type set border etc. and is one of the twelve denominations printed by Franklin for Pennsylvania that year. He printed the previous series of 1760 consisting of six denominations. If the note you saw was made from some original design which could not be made up by any printer at that time let me know. I do not know who it was in New York that sent on this note.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator



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PHILADELPHIA

March 28, 1935.

Mr. Sydney L. Nae, Secy.
New York

Dear Sir

At the meeting of our society last evening, a letter from the Numismatic Society of China, Shanghai was read, requesting the donation of Books &c. Writer was requested to ascertain, before any Books, Medals or coins were sent to this sister society, if it is a dealer, as one of the paragraphs intimates that it can supply Chinese coins, medals, tokens &c. This was thought by some of our members, to indicate that it was a dealer. Can you give undersigned any information about this Society.

Should appreciate anything you may have to say
Yours truly
J. D. Langenbeim,
Curator of N.

March 29, 1935.

Mr. F. D. Langenheim
1600 Arch St.
Room 316
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Langenheim:

The Numismatic Society of China seems to be a regular numismatic society composed of a number of collectors chiefly resident in Shanghai. The reports of their meetings appear in the China Journal. We received a similar request a year or so ago from them and promptly answered their letter but up to date have received no reply.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

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The Numismatic and Antiquarian Society
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Nov 24. 1936.

Mr L. P. Nol

New York

Dear Sir,

A relative in California writes the undersigned about Autographs of distinguished persons in the possession of the family, which they are desirous of selling. Writer has no idea of what these autographs may be nor does he know where they might be sold. Should you or Mr Wood know of a dealer or collector to whom my relative may be recommended I shall be thankful for the information. Can you give me this information?

Yours truly

F. D. Langenheim.

F. D. LANGENHEIM
1600 ARCH ST.
ROOM 316
PHILADELPHIA.

Box 9-5708

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Thos. F. Madigan Inc.

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November 30, 1936

F. D. Langenheim, Esq.,
1600 Arch Street, Rm. 316,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Langenheim:

We suggest that your relative write to Thomas F. Madigan, Inc., 2 East 54th Street, New York City, for information concerning the autographs in the possession of his family. This firm has a long-established reputation as an authority on the subject of autographs and you need have no hesitancy in recommending them.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW ks